

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1746 - HB 1910

March 18, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Requires health care providers to report any condition believed to indicate statutory rape; (2) Adds statutory rape to the definition of child sex abuse; (3) Decreases the age difference between victim and offender from four years to two years; and (4) Requires health care providers treating sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy of child to report such for investigation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,326,200
\$463,700 / Incarceration*

Assumes 128 additional convictions per year for statutory rape, a Class E felony. Also assumes 60 additional DCS caseworkers to investigate, as child sex abuse cases, 5,000 pregnancies in girls 10-17 years of age and 6,600 cases of sexually transmitted diseases in persons under 17 years of age.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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